



Homeland Security

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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to Defense Tech, the U.S. Navy announced September 15 it has found “significant structural” damage and corrosion in its fleet of Cyclone-class patrol coastal (PC) vessels based in Norfolk, Virginia, and forward deployed to the 5th fleet in Bahrain. (See item [34](#))
- WPIX-11 reports that a former teacher at the prestigious Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan, New York was being held September 15 on charges he tried to send assault weapons to Mideast terror groups. Investigators said he also talked about killing police stations and Jewish people in New York City. (See item [38](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 16, Reuters* – (International) **Enbridge prepares to restart key oil line on Friday.** Enbridge Inc. is on track to restart a major oil pipeline carrying up to a third of Canada’s U.S.-bound crude shipments September 17, the company reiterated September 16 after it won regulatory clearance about 1 week after it was shut due to a

leak. Oil prices fell by more than 1 percent, dropping for a third day as traders grew more confident that the disruption to the 670,000 barrel per day pipeline would soon end. “The repairs have been completed and we are confident we can operate the pipeline safely and in conformity with PHMSA rules. We are making preparations for start-up on September 17,” a spokeswoman said by e-mail. She said September 15 that Enbridge had agreed with the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration on the September 17 restart, although PHMSA has not confirmed its approval or given any date. The 34-inch pipeline is the backbone of Canadian oil imports into the United States. It was shut September 9 after a leak that spilled some 6,100 barrels of crude was discovered in Romeoville, Illinois, near Chicago. The cause of the leak is still under investigation.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE68F2J420100916>

2. *September 16, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Barge goes aground at Alaska’s North Slope.** An ocean barge carrying oil field equipment has gone aground along Alaska’s North Slope and responders said the vessel emitted a light sheen in the Beaufort Sea. State environmental regulators say the barge has more than 1,700 gallons of diesel fuel on board. The vessel grounded after the wheelhouse broke loose and settled at the stern September 14 between Oliktok Point and Oooguruk, a field that pumps oil from an artificial island. A member with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation said no one was injured in the mishap, but a small amount of fuel leaked from a tank. He said the valves on all the tanks were closed and the sheen dissipated. The barge ran aground about 40 miles west of Prudhoe Bay.

Source: <http://www.kfqd.com/node/5859>

3. *September 15, Reuters* – (National) **DOT to propose plan to improve pipeline safety.** The Department of Transportation said September 15 it will propose pipeline safety legislation and strengthen its own rules following recent crude spills and California’s deadly natural gas explosion. “The DOT’s legislative proposal will complement its additional planned regulatory initiatives to continue to improve pipeline safety,” said the Deputy Secretary of Transportation. “The department intends to take significant action to reassess its pipeline safety regulations to expand and strengthen them, as needed,” he said. The calls to improve pipeline safety follow a deadly natural gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno, California last week on a duct owned by Pacific Gas & Electric Co. Canada’s Enbridge had two leaks on pipelines bringing crude oil into the U.S. Midwest. Pipeline regulators said they were working to determine when the 670,000 barrel-per-day Illinois pipeline that was shut in due to a leak could restart.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE68E3T520100915>

4. *September 15, WHIZ 40 Zanesville* – (Ohio) **Part of Interstate 70 closed/updated.** A semi accident and hazardous spill shut down a westbound portion of Interstate 70 in Zanesville, Ohio, just before 4 a.m. September 15. According to authorities, a semi went off the highway and landed on its side and starting leaking liquid asphalt. Crews had the highway down to one lane most of the morning then had to close it completely around 10 a.m. to get the semi upright and off the road. The highway is back to having one lane closed while the Muskingum County Hazardous Material Team cleans up the

spill. The Zanesville Highway Patrol said the driver of the truck is a 53-year-old Duncan Falls man. He was cited for operating a vehicle without reasonable control and was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital for treatment. The accident remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.whiznews.com/content/news/local/2010/09/15/part-of-interstate-70-closedupdated>

5. *September 14, KGMI 790 Bellingham* – (Washington) **Power at WWU restored Tuesday afternoon.** Power was restored the afternoon of September 14 to Western Washington University's north campus in Bellingham, Washington. The electricity came back on just before 2:30 p.m. after being out since early September 12, according to a university spokesman. A main power switch in the campus steam plant failed, triggering an outage in the north campus area. A spokesman said damage to the switch was so extensive, replacement parts had to be brought in from the manufacturer in Portland, Oregon.

Source: <http://kgmi.com/Power-At-WWU-Restored-Tuesday-Afternoon/8140788>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *September 16, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Two firms each fined \$51,000 for spraying toxic chemical.** Royal Fumigation and Western Fumigation-Suffolk, which spray a hazardous chemical onto timber and other goods at warehouses near Suffolk, Virginia homes and a school, have been fined \$51,000 each for violating state clean-air rules. Both agreed to pay the fines after Virginia inspectors discovered in 2009 that the two had opened for business in 2006 without obtaining state permits to control their use of the toxic chemical methyl bromide. Many countries have tried for years to ban the chemical because of threats to human health and the environment, and because it depletes the ozone layer in the atmosphere. But because few suitable alternatives exist to kill pests on imported and exported goods, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to allow limited use of methyl bromide, including at fumigation plants such as those in Suffolk. Since the discovery of the unpermitted facilities — one near downtown Suffolk on Finney Avenue, the other on the western edge of the city on Pruden Boulevard — the case has become a national litmus test of sorts for government efforts at more tightly regulating the chemical, which is linked to respiratory disease, kidney damage and neurological impairment.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2010/09/two-firms-each-fined-51000-spraying-toxic-chemical>

7. *September 16, Charleston State Journal* – (West Virginia) **Chemical spill closes Doddridge County Road.** The driver of a tanker truck carrying a chemical wrecked September 15 in a Doddridge County, West Virginia, creek on state Route 23 about 1 mile south of Center Point, emergency officials said. The driver hit a turn too fast, lost

control, went through a guardrail, over an embankment and landed in a creek, authorities said. There is an ignition and respiratory concern, so crews are keeping residents out of the area, but it is not being evacuated. Route 23 will be closed for several hours while crews clean up the area. Crews have to extract the chemical from one of the tanks to the other before removing the truck from the creek. The driver was taken by ambulance to United Hospital Center in Clarksburg, but his injuries were not reported. State police troopers are investigating. The Smithburg Volunteer Fire Department, McClellan Volunteer Fire Department and the Doddridge County EMS assisted on scene, authorities said. Officials from the Environmental Protection Agency are expected to respond too.

Source: <http://www.statejournal.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=86127>

8. *September 16, WMTW 8 Portland* – (Maine) **Disaster drill closes Portland roads.** Police and firefighters in Portland, Maine, will participate in an annual drill September 16 designed to test their reaction to a pesticide leak. The exercise is called “Operation Leaking Drum.” The drill is part of the city’s ongoing training for its weapons of mass destruction team. This year’s exercise scenario is a hazardous pesticide leak caused by an accident that involves a vehicle transporting the chemical along Read Street. In the simulation, the drums will rupture into the city’s stormwater drainage system. Several roads will be closed for the drill: Read Street from Bell Street to Canco Road will be reduced to one lane from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. In addition, westbound Baxter Boulevard will be detoured through Payson Park to Ocean Avenue and Vannah Avenue during the same time period.

Source: <http://www.wmtw.com/news/25032042/detail.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *September 16, San Luis Obispo New Times* – (California) **NRC workshop turns into Diablo Canyon debate.** About 100 people attended a 2-day workshop in San Luis Obispo, California held by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) aimed at educating the public about earthquakes and tsunamis, and how nuclear power facilities are built to hold up against them. Though the event was supposed to be educational and not address the relicensing issue at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, recent safety incidents at the plant, or the need for an increase in renewable energy, such arguments crept in to nearly every aspect of the workshop. NRC representatives stressed that seismic studies and a license renewal are separate issues. On September 9, the second day of the workshop, a newly elected state senator, a San Luis Obispo Republican, made a surprise appearance and implored NRC reps to “go beyond a check-the-box approach” to license renewal. He emphasized the need for comprehensive seismic studies surrounding Diablo Canyon. The plant has been a hotbed of controversy dating back to its construction when the Hosgri fault was discovered just offshore, and amplified by the recent discovery of the Shoreline Fault, which is even closer to the

power plant, in 2008. Utility giant Pacific Gas and Electric, which operates Diablo, is currently conducting mapping of the Shoreline Fault. Based on preliminary studies, the utility has determined the plant could withstand even the most powerful earthquake the fault is believed to be capable of shaking out.

Source: <http://www.newtimeslo.com/news/4987/nrc-workshop-turns-into-diablo-canyon-debate/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *September 15, Aviation Week* – (New Mexico) **Boeing 787 suffers engine surge during flight tests.** Boeing and Rolls-Royce are investigating the causes of a Trent 1000 engine surge that has grounded flight tests of the first Boeing 787 at Roswell, New Mexico. Boeing also is assessing whether the latest incident may cause further slips in the hard-pressed 787 delivery schedule. The failure occurred September 10 during ground tests of the 78, ZA001, which was at Roswell for Block 1 rejected takeoff work, plus brake demonstration certification and stability and control tests. Boeing said ZA001 “experienced an engine surge during testing ... The event occurred prior to takeoff and the crew completed the appropriate maneuvers. Back-up systems performed as designed, and the crew and the aircraft were safe throughout the event.” The manufacturer adds that it is working with Rolls-Royce to “investigate the event and understand the root cause.” Boeing said that a flight test engine is available and that “the team is installing it in New Mexico and will resume testing soon.” Initial engine check-out flight tests are expected to take place as early as September 17. If the engine tests are satisfactory, the ZA001 test team expects to resume brake and stability and control tests the next day.

Source:

http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=comm&id=news/avd/2010/09/16/02.xml

11. *September 15, Reliable Plant Magazine* – (Texas) **OSHA cites Houston manufacturer for hiding work-related injuries and illnesses.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued Goodman Manufacturing Company willful citations for failing to record and improperly recording work-related injuries and illnesses at the company’s Houston, Texas air-conditioning cooling facility. Proposed penalties total \$1,215,000. OSHA’s Houston North Area Office began its investigation March 2 in response to a complaint alleging that Goodman was not properly recording workplace injuries and illnesses in violation of OSHA’s rules. The investigation determined Goodman had either not recorded or failed to properly record on its log the nature and/or duration of 72 percent of employee injuries and illnesses from January 2008 to March 15, 2010.

Source: <http://www.reliableplant.com/Read/26364/OSHA-cites-Houston-manufacturer>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *September 15, FirehouseNews.com* – (California) **Blast at ‘Top Secret’ Fla. plant injures woman.** A mystery explosion rocked an Orange County, California business and injured a worker September 15, but the factory on Colonial Drive hasn’t said anything about what happened, because the work it does is top secret. DSE Inc. is a government contractor that makes parts for military explosives. Haz-mat crews responded to the company when a female employee was injured by some sort of explosive device while working on an assembly line. Rescue crews said the woman was rushed to the hospital with minor injuries. Orange County Fire Rescue said the haz-mat team was called in because of the nature of the company’s business, but firefighters quickly determined that no hazardous conditions were present and they said the company was following Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines. Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/topic/rescue-and-special-ops/blast-top-secret-fla-plant-injures-woman>

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *September 16, Bank Info Security* – (International) **What closed Chase Bank site?** The recent outage of Chase Bank’s online banking service may point to underlying issues with outdated, legacy technology. The bank’s online service went dark September 13. The service, which serves 16.5 million customers at the nation’s second-largest bank, apparently was caused by an internal technical problem. The service was not restored until after 1 a.m. September 15. Online customers learned of the outage September 14, when they went to Chase’s Web site and found a message saying, “Our website is temporarily unavailable. We’re working quickly to restore access. Please log on later.” The bank said the outage was due to an internal problem, not any external cause. A Chase spokesman said the bank was working on the technical issue on its Website. He said software from a third-party database company corrupted information in its systems and prevented users from logging on. This caused a long recovery process. No customer data was at risk during the outage and Chase apologized to affected customers. One banking expert said the Chase outage is only a part of a problem that many larger institutions face with outdated, legacy systems and technology. Banks may be offering modern applications on the front end, he said. “But the back end is running on legacy systems that are outdated technology ... This may be one of the reasons that it went down and didn’t come back up quickly.” Source: http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=2920

14. *September 16, Newark Star-Ledger* – (National) **FBI arrests dozens in raid on massive N.J. bank-fraud ring.** Federal authorities in New Jersey charged 53 people September 16 with participating in a massive bank-fraud ring that authorities said hijacked identities of overseas workers to bilk million from financial institutions. More than 270 local and federal agents — including from the FBI, IRS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement — fanned out across Bergen and Essex counties in New Jersey,

and Manhattan in New York City to arrest 43 suspects. Stretching from New Jersey to California to the South Pacific, the alleged scheme used Social Security numbers from Asian immigrants who worked in American territories, including Guam, to apply for driver's licenses under fake names, which they then utilized to secure credit cards and bank loans. The suspects used those credit cards to buy luxury cars, designer shoes, aged whiskey and other finery, authorities said. Or, members of the ring swiped the cards at their own businesses or shell companies to trick banks into transmitting them money directly, authorities said. When time came to pay the credit-card bills, the banks were left with the name of someone on the other side of the globe, authorities said.

Source: http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2010/09/federal_officials_arrest_more.html

15. *September 15, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Cardholders missing thousands in bogus ATM withdrawals.** Thieves near Chicago, Illinois have stolen money through unauthorized ATM transactions more than 30 times since September 12, suburban police departments said. Buffalo Grove police said they have fielded 20 complaints from residents who have said they have lost thousands of dollars. “We are trying to get those cases together and find out is there a commonality, is there a store involved, is there a certain ATM involved, is there a certain bank involved, and find out how these cases are all linked up together,” said the Buffalo Grove police commander. There have also been at least 15 similar incidents reported in Wheeling, where account-holders noticed money missing from their accounts. Others have been reported in Harwood Heights. The withdrawals occurred in California, Ohio, Schaumburg, Melrose Park and Harwood Heights, police said. The most common place was California, where six of the incidents occurred. Police said they believe the thieves are using skimming devices.
- Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local-beat/atm-thefts-102993929.html>

16. *September 15, TrendLabs Malware Blog* – (International) **One server, multiple botnets.** During a recent investigation into a server hosting SpyEye, TrendLabs noticed there were several open directories that led to other control panels. SpyEye was also the same malware family that recently targeted Polish users. One of the control panels is for URLZone/Bebloh. The other control panel, on the other hand, did not have any name or version so TrendLabs named it after the server, “Spencerlor.” The investigation led to the discovery of what seems to be three botnets running on one server, which appears to be operated by at least two remote users, as the logs revealed. SpyEye and URLZone’s modules are both written in English, while Spencerlor’s is written in Russian. All three of the botnets on this server are designed and/or configured to steal only German banking credentials. Both Spencerlor and URLZone are actually coded to work with the German banking system using the so-called BLZ. A BLZ is an equivalent of a bank routing number that identifies a user’s bank and branch location. Apart from collecting account names, contact numbers, PINs, and balances, the group responsible for this botnet also collects a user’s BLZ.
- Source: <http://blog.trendmicro.com/one-server-multiple-botnets/>

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Transportation Sector

17. *September 16, Jamestown Press* – (Rhode Island) **FAA rejects wind turbine at Taylor Point.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has denied Jamestown, Rhode Island's bid for clearance to build a wind turbine at Taylor Point. The FAA ruled that the turbine would interfere with navigational instruments used by aircraft approaching the National Guard airfield at Quonset Point. The unexpected ruling cannot be appealed. The immediate response by town officials will include hiring a consultant to evaluate the electromagnetic threat to avionics from a turbine at three alternative locations: Beavertail State Park, the North Main Road landfill, and a pair of sites at Ft. Getty.
Source: http://www.jamestownpress.com/news/2010-09-16/Front_Page/FAA_rejects_wind_turbine_at_Taylor_Point.html
18. *September 16, WHDH 7 Boston* – (Rhode Island) **Laser beams reportedly pointed at planes in RI.** For the second time in a month, laser beams were reportedly pointed at airplanes over Rhode Island. The most recent incident involved a plane heading toward TF Green Airport in Warwick. In August, East Providence police received a call after the pilot of a plane reported a green laser briefly shining into the cockpit. Based on the planes' locations at the time of the incidents, police believe the beams are coming from the riverside section of the city. Authorities from the FBI, Transportation Security Administration, and Homeland Security are investigating these incidents.
Source: <http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/12002232494398/laser-beams-reportedly-pointed-at-planes-in-ri/>
19. *September 16, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Jury awards \$14M to employee burned in explosion.** A tanker driver who was injured in a fire and explosion more than 3 years ago was awarded a multimillion-dollar award from a civil court September 15. The driver suffered second- and third-degree burns over much of his body. He was on a tanker in April of 2007 just before it exploded. He was loading it with a flammable liquid when it ignited, but by the time he realized what was happening, it was too late. He sued the transport company, C & G Hot Shot Service, claiming it didn't properly train him, and on September 16 in civil court, a jury sided with him, awarding almost \$14 million in actual and punitive damages. His attorney said the company had offered to settle for \$15,000. His attorney said one simple precaution was overlooked that day. No one grounded the tanker, which would have prevented the fire. C & G still contends it was the driver's responsibility.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=7670391>
20. *September 15, Aviation Web* – (New York) **NTSB: See-and-avoid concept at fault in fatal midair.** The "see-and-avoid" technique in force for pilots above the Hudson River in New York revealed its "inherent limitations" in the August 2009 midair crash that killed nine people, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said September 14. "This collision could have been prevented," NTSB's chairman said. "While traffic alerts go a long way in helping pilots 'see and avoid' other aircraft, these technologies are not, in and of themselves, enough to keep us safe. Strong operating procedures, professionalism, and commitment to the task at hand — these are all essential to safety." The safety board cited both the "see-and-avoid" concept and a Teterboro

Airport air traffic controller's "nonpertinent telephone conversation" at the time of the collision as the probable cause of the accident. The safety board added that contributing to the cause of the crash between a Piper Lance and a sightseeing helicopter were the ineffective use by both pilots of their aircraft's electronic advisory system to maintain awareness of other air traffic, FAA's procedures for transfer of communications among air traffic facilities near the Hudson River, and FAA regulations that did not provide for adequate vertical separation of aircraft operating over the Hudson River. As a result of the accident investigation, the NTSB made recommendations to the FAA regarding changes within the special flight rules area (SFRA) surrounding the Hudson River corridor, vertical separation among aircraft operating in the Hudson River SFRA, see-and-avoid guidance, and helicopter electronic traffic advisory systems.

Source:

http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/news/NTSBSeeAndAvoidConceptAtFaultInFatalMidair_203290-1.html

21. *September 15, San Bernardino County Sun* – (California) **Suspicious bag leads to evacuation of Metrolink train.** An unattended backpack prompted the evacuation of a San Bernardino, California-bound Metrolink train September 15. The conductor on train 800 discovered the bag between Riverside and San Bernardino, said a Metrolink spokeswoman. Metrolink officials received reports about the bag at 10:49 a.m. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which has jurisdiction over Metrolink incidents, used bomb-sniffing dogs to examine the backpack and the train after passengers were evacuated at the San Bernardino station. No information was available on what the backpack contained, but the train was eventually deemed safe.

Source: http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_16083321

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Postal and Shipping Sector

22. *September 15, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Suspicious envelope prompts St. Pete police evacuation.** An envelope with a suspicious substance and a threatening note was found on the second floor of the St. Petersburg, Florida, Police Department downtown headquarters September 15, but the substance turned out to be harmless. The second floor was evacuated just after 8 p.m., shortly after officers found the envelope, police said. The U.S. Postal Service had delivered the letter to the building at 1300 First Avenue N. The St. Petersburg Fire Department's Hazardous Material Unit responded to the scene and evacuated the second floor of the building. The fire department investigated the substance but found it to be harmless, police said. At around 8:45 p.m., staff was allowed to return to the second floor. The evacuation did not disrupt police patrols, police said. The case remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/sep/15/152234/suspicious-envelope-prompts-st-pete-police-evacuat/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *September 15, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Ammonia leak reported at old bottling plant.** Baltimore County fire crews are investigating an ammonia leak shortly before 2 p.m. September 15 at the old 7-Up bottling plant Catonsville, Maryland. A haz-mat team was called to the plant. Fire officials said ammonia was leaking from some pipes. The plant is currently vacant, and no one was injured. Fire officials did not say how much ammonia had leaked. An investigation continues.

Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/25023639/detail.html>

24. *September 13, Columbia Missourian* – (National) **Thousand Cankers Disease threatens Missouri black walnut industries.** Thousand Cankers Disease could cause walnut farmers in Missouri a thousand headaches if the invasive fungus makes its way from Tennessee to Missouri this fall. The disease, which is carried by the twig beetle, was originally confined to states in the West, but foresters in Tennessee discovered infected trees in Knoxville in July. Before the discovery, Colorado was the easternmost state with reported cases of the disease. This discovery has special significance for Missouri, which according to a press release from the University of Missouri, has more black walnut trees than any other state within the black walnut's natural range. Thousand Cankers can be identified by wilting leaves on black walnut trees that stay on branches near the canopy and spread down. By the time the first symptoms appear, the damage has been done and the tree dies. The beetle that carries the disease only attacks the black walnut wood. The nuts are safe to move and eat. The forest products program supervisor of the Missouri Department of Conservation said it would be "devastating" to Missouri's economy if the disease were to become an endemic. According to a 2009 report he co-authored, Missouri would lose more than \$30 million annually in wood production alone, plus another \$35 million in lost nut production. Urban walnut trees would require expensive removal, landscaping and replacement bringing annual losses to about \$65 million. The conservation department estimates a 20-year economic impact of more than \$850 million if the disease becomes widespread in Missouri.

Source: <http://www.columbiamissourian.com/stories/2010/09/12/thousand-cankers-threatens-black-walnut-population-missouri/>

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Water Sector

25. *September 16, Water Technology Online* – (National) **Report urges action to prevent U.S. water crisis.** A report outlining the challenges facing the U.S. freshwater supply was presented to the Presidential administration during a meeting of federal agencies convened by the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) September 15, according to a press release. The report, titled "Charting New Waters: A Call to Action

to Address U.S. Freshwater Challenges,” represents consensus recommendations of diverse interests convened by The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread in Racine, Wisconsin. The report identifies serious challenges to the quality and supply of freshwater, such as pollution and scarcity; competing urban, rural and ecosystem water needs; climate change; environmental and public health impacts; and a variety of economic implications. The document offers actions to confront these threats and a plan to ensure that the nation’s freshwater resources are secure for the 21st century, the release stated. The document is believed to be the first such comprehensive, cross-sector examination of U.S. freshwater challenges and solutions.

Source: http://watertechonline.com/news.asp?N_ID=74931

26. *September 16, Pacific News Center and Guam News* – (Guam) **GWA: Emergency water outage tonight for all of Santa Rita and villages.** The Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) has announced an Emergency Water Outage September 16 for all of the villages of Agat and Santa Rita. The outage will start at 8 p.m. and is scheduled to last until 6 a.m. September 17. A GWA spokeswoman said the reason for the outage is that “Navy crews are replacing valves in the area and due to the length of the outage GWA’s reservoirs will not be able to meet demand through the night.”

Source:

http://www.pacificnewscenter.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7993:gwa-emergency-water-outage-for-all-of-santa-rita-a-agat-villages&catid=45:guam-news&Itemid=156

27. *September 15, WTKR 3 Norfolk* – (North Carolina) **Waste spill in Pasquotank County.** The City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina Wastewater Treatment Plant experienced a catastrophic event September 14. At about 11:15 p.m., the operator was making his regular rounds around the plant and noticed that the EFF structure had no flow over the rear. After further observation, the CL2 contact tank water level had a significant drop from the normal water level. Directly in front of the splitter box, there was a huge cave-in with a decrease of water level reduction in both clarifiers. It was later determined that the 30-inch pipe that discharges from the aeration basin to the splitter box ruptured, causing a large sinkhole. The sinkhole engulfed the stairway attached to the splitter box and the stairway attached to clarifier 1. City staffers were unable to contain the raw sewage and about 500,000 gallons entered the Pasquotank River before they could stop it. As of September 15, emergency repairs were being made by staffers and a private contractor. All appropriate state agencies have been notified, and the division of water quality was on site reviewing the situation September 15.

Source: <http://www.wtkr.com/news/wtkr-spill-pq-county,0,7420493.story>

28. *September 15, Pomeroy Daily Sentinel* – (Ohio) **Pomeroy complying with EPA.** The Village of Pomeroy, Ohio, is taking steps to bring its wastewater treatment plant and lift stations into compliance with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandates. This week, the Pomeroy Village Council unanimously voted to accept a bid from Kal Electric for \$123,000 for a permanent generator at the main lift station and the electrical hookups to install it, as well as modifying the other lift stations to be

powered by a portable generator should the power go out. The Ohio EPA mandates the village have backup generators for the lift stations because if there is a power outage, the generators help prevent raw sewage from being dumped into the Ohio River — which is what had been happening during outages.

Source: http://www.mydailysentinel.com/view/full_story/9536957/article-Pomeroy-complying-with-EPA?instance=home_news_lead

29. *September 15, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Investigators probe whether 2008 sewer excavation played role in San Bruno blast.** Federal investigators are examining whether work on a sewer near a natural gas pipeline in San Bruno, California, 2 years ago played a role in the explosion and fire that leveled part of the San Francisco Bay Area suburb last week. When the city replaced the sewer line, it also enlarged its diameter and used a trenchless “pipe bursting” method known to carry risk. A 2001 study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the method could potentially disturb, displace and compact soils. Pacific Gas & Electric Co., the pipeline owner, did not respond September 15 to questions, but previously told the San Jose Mercury News that it had inspected the gas line before and after the sewer construction. The vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, which is leading the inquiry, said in an interview September 15 that — although the investigation is still in its early stages and no conclusions have been reached — the sewer project is among the activities being scrutinized by investigators. He stressed that multiple factors often contribute to catastrophic infrastructure failures. The San Bruno blast killed at least four people; three more victims are missing and presumed dead. It also destroyed or severely damaged 56 homes, prompting the Presidential administration September 15 to propose intensified pipeline safety oversight. The fire damage was estimated at \$65 million, according to state officials.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2010/09/15/1621299/investigators-probe-whether-2008.html>

30. *September 14, Milwaukee Magazine* – (Wisconsin) **Controversial phosphorus rules approved.** Wisconsin’s Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has passed controversial new limits on phosphorus emissions in the state which are expected to carry a heavy price tag for manufacturers and municipalities. By law, state legislators can review any new DNR rule, but the deadline for doing so has passed, so the DNR can now begin implementing it. Found in manure and fertilizer, phosphorus is commonly swept into rural rivers and streams by farm runoff, and it’s also frequently discharged by food, dairy and paper manufacturers in the state. Environmentalists said phosphorous is responsible for algae blooms in Wisconsin waters that choke out other life. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has long pushed states to regulate the chemical more strictly. The rules will apply to farmers and manufacturers, but business groups, which include the Midwest Food Processors Association, the Wisconsin Dairy Business Association, the Wisconsin Cheese Makers and the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, said their facilities and the municipal wastewater plants affected by the rules will bear the brunt of the costs.

Source: <http://www.milwaukeebuzz.com/?p=249018>

Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *September 16, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Suspect in Johns Hopkins Hospital standoff fatally shoots self, mother.** A man suspected of shooting a doctor at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland September 16, has fatally shot himself and his mother, who had been hospitalized, according to Baltimore police. The shootings ended a 4-hour standoff at Hopkins' sprawling East Baltimore campus. The suspect had barricaded himself on the eighth floor of the hospital's Nelson Building. The doctor, whose identity has not been released, was shot in the abdomen. He is in surgery but his injuries are not life-threatening. According to a spokeswoman for the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, the victim holds a "faculty position" at Hopkins. Portions of the Nelson Building were placed on lockdown and other sections were evacuated. Police also shut down numerous roads. So many police officers responded, that the department had to call in officers from other districts and detective units to help answer other 911 calls. A nurse who said she was on the floor at the time of the shooting said the shooter was upset about the medical treatment of his mother. He was threatening to jump out of a window, she said. Hopkins sent out emergency e-mail and text advisories to staff at 11:15 a.m. stating "shooter on Nelson 8." An employee at the Hopkins School of Public Health, which is across Wolfe Street from the complex containing the Nelson building, said employees were told to stay in their offices. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/bs-md-ci-shooting-hopkins-20100916,0,4977336.story>
32. *September 13, Agence France-Presse* – (National) **Disinfecting hand gels don't affect swine flu infection rate.** The regular use of alcohol-based disinfecting hand gels authorities recommended during the A(H1N1) pandemic has little effect on the disease's infection rate, according to a study published September 12. The findings suggest that the pandemic virus and similar strains may be most effectively transmitted in the air, rather than by contact with infected surfaces, the authors of the University of Virginia study said. "An alcohol hand disinfectant with enhanced antiviral activity failed to significantly reduce the frequency of infection with either rhinovirus or influenza," wrote the authors of the study presented September 12 at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy in Boston, Massachusetts. Participants in the study disinfected their hands roughly every 3 hours over 10 weeks between August 25 and November 9, 2009. Of that group, 42 out of 100 contracted rhinovirus infections, compared to 51 out of 100 in the control group. Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jLzqL0RNV07XqCkG6nKehH8cvoUg>

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Government Facilities Sector

33. *September 16, Mid Columbia Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Work resumes to empty Hanford tanks of waste.** Work is expected to begin September 16 to empty another underground tank of solid radioactive and hazardous chemical waste at the decommissioned nuclear production complex in Hanford, Washington . “We’re really encouraged on this one,” said the cleanup section manager for the Washington State Department of Ecology, a project regulator. “They are proposing a much faster retrieval than on any tank before.” Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS) had to stop retrieval near the start of the summer after Hanford workers had difficulty emptying waste from the last tank attempted, Tank C-104. Instead, WRPS has been working through the summer to prepare to empty Tank C-111. Tank retrieval work is focused on the 16 underground tanks at Hanford’s C Tank Farm to meet a deadline in the proposed Hanford consent decree. It requires the Department of Energy to have all tanks in the C Tank Farm emptied to Tri-Party Agreement standards by the end of September 2014. Six have been completed so far. Tank C-111 has a 530,000-gallon capacity. But like all 149 of the original leak-prone single-shell tanks at Hanford, pumpable liquid waste has been removed to 28 newer and sturdier double-shell tanks. What remains in Tank C-111 is 58,000 gallons of mostly sludge-like waste.
Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2010/09/16/1171005/work-resumes-to-empty-hanford.html>
34. *September 15, Defense Tech* – (International) **Navy ‘Grounds’ Cyclone class coastal patrol boats.** The U.S. Navy announced September 15 it has found “significant structural” damage and corrosion in its fleet of Cyclone-class patrol coastal (PC) vessels based in Norfolk, Virginia, and forward deployed to the 5th fleet in Bahrain. According to the Navy, the vessels — 10 in all — are all “at or beyond” their 15-year service life, and recent inspections revealed frame buckling and damage to the hulls. The service said all PC operations have ceased pending repairs. The PCs have lightweight structure designed for high performance. With the exception of PC 14, they are all at or beyond their service life. The condition of the hull structure is the cumulative result of a full service life of operation including the effects of corrosion and severe operating conditions. It is not generally possible to identify one event or single root cause of the damage. The Navy is coordinating with the Coast Guard to inspect the three vessels it is borrowing for domestic patrols. The Navy is also coordinating with the Philippine navy on the one PC it obtained in 2004.
Source: <http://defensetech.org/2010/09/15/navy-grounds-cyclone-class-coastal-patrol-boats/>
35. *September 15, Network World* – (National) **NSA product accreditations lag behind IT security advances.** The National Security Agency (NSA) wants to use commercially-built security products and the latest virtualization software. But the slow pace of getting products certified through NSA channels and the lightning-fast pace of change in the information technology industry is causing national-security heartburn. The high-tech spy agency, which also guides Defense Department information security, has become an enthusiastic proponent of open standards-based technologies such as

Trusted Network Connect (TNC) and Trusted Platform Module (TPM) put forward by the organization Trusted Computing Group (which announced it expects to propose an end-to-end security framework for cloud computing around year-end). The NSA held its first conference related to its views on trusted computing the week of September 13. The NSA Trusted Computing Conference and Exposition in Orlando, Florida drew about 500 attendees and 39 exhibiting companies. The NSA chief of the network solutions office noted in his keynote that since May of this year, the national-security strategy has been “COTS [commercial off the shelf] first, not GOTS [government].” The chief of network solutions said the NSA wants to influence how commercial technologies are developed, and hopes “richer collaboration could further harden national-security systems” and give commercial systems some “government-like security.”

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9185821/NSA_product_accreditations_lag_behind_IT_security_advances

36. *September 15, Global Security Newswire* – (Alabama) **Anniston chemical weapons disposal plant operator fined.** The state of Alabama has fined the operator of the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility more than \$27,000 for roughly one dozen environmental rule breaches at the site, the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency said September 15. The fine was one element of a settlement negotiated by the facility’s operator and the Alabama Environmental Management Department, which permitted the site’s construction in 1997. The self-reported violations posed no threat to the public, the Army said. Nearly 85 percent of the Anniston Army Depot’s stockpile of weapons filled with mustard and nerve agents have been incinerated since disposal operations began in 2003. That covers 560,201 weapons in total.

Source: http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20100915_3070.php

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Emergency Services Sector

37. *September 16, Wilson Daily Times* – (North Carolina) **Power outages hit N.C. communication center.** Wilson County Commissioners voted unanimously to spend \$52,345 for an uninterpretable power supply September 14 for the Wilson Emergency Communications Center. The center has lost power three times since June, according to a letter the director of the center sent to commissioners. The money will be pulled from the county’s emergency capital funds. No word yet on how long it will take to order the back-up power source and install it. A county manager said he doesn’t know why the electricity loss took place the last time. Previously, he said a bird and a squirrel on power lines likely caused the power outages. The way the system works now is that when there is a power problem, everything on the screen is lost and calls coming in won’t be answered. “Eventually, we get the power back pretty quickly, but everything that was in the works is lost,” the county manager said.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/power-failures-knock-out-nc-911-center-three-times>

38. *September 15, WPIX 11 New York* – (National) **Officials: Ex-NYC teacher attempted to send weapons to terror groups.** A former teacher at the prestigious Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan, New York was being held September 15 on charges he tried to send assault weapons to Mideast terror groups. Investigators said he also talked about killing cops and Jews. The suspect pleaded not guilty in Bronx Supreme Court to a multiple-count indictment September 15, officials said. According to prosecutors, they have video and audio surveillance showing the suspect inside a Bronx warehouse, trying to negotiate the sale of weapons to confidential informants who were working with state investigators. One investigator who worked on the case told PIX 11 News that the man talked about throwing hand grenades into a Jewish Center at 74th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, on Manhattan's Upper West Side. He also was caught talking about bombing a police precinct and for supporting the terror group, Hamas.
Source: <http://www.wpix.com/news/wpix-teacher-being-held-in-terror-weapons-plot,0,2761066.story>

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Information Technology Sector

39. *September 16, Help Net Security* – (International) **Facebook is the top source for malware infections.** The use of social networking during working hours is common (77 percent of employees do), and consequently, 33 percent said they have been infected by malware corporate network that has been distributed by these communities, according to Panda Security. Facebook is by far the most popular social media tool among SMBs: Sixty-nine percent of respondents reported that they have active accounts with this site, followed by Twitter (44 percent), YouTube (32 percent) and LinkedIn (23 percent). Facebook was cited as the top culprit for companies that experienced malware infection (71.6 percent) and privacy violations (73.2 percent). YouTube took the second spot for malware infection (41.2 percent), while Twitter contributed to a significant amount of privacy violations (51 percent). For companies suffering financial losses from employee privacy violations, Facebook was again cited as the most common social media site where these losses occurred (62 percent), followed by Twitter (38 percent), YouTube (24 percent) and LinkedIn (11 percent).
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1466
40. *September 16, The H Security* – (International) **Mozilla releases Firefox stability updates.** The Mozilla Project has issued stability updates for the latest stable and legacy branch of its open source Firefox Web browser. According to the developers, Firefox 3.5.13 and 3.6.10 each address a bug (3.5.13,3.6.10) that caused the browser to crash during start-up for “a limited number of users” across all three platforms — Windows, Mac OS X and Linux. The updates come just 1 day after Mozilla reportedly turned off update notifications for some users running older versions of the software due to the stability problem. The 3.6.9 and 3.5.12 updates from last week addressed a total of 15 security vulnerabilities, with 10 of them rated as critical by the developers.

The 3.6.10 update also fixes an issue related to the Personas blocklist. Personas are lightweight “skins” for the Web browser that change the look of Firefox by changing the header and footer areas, while leaving the navigation buttons and menus alone. More details about the updates can be found in the 3.6.10 and 3.5.13 release notes. Firefox 3.5.13 and 3.6.10 are available to download from the project’s site. Alternatively, existing Firefox users can upgrade to the new version, either by waiting for the automated update notification or by manually selecting “Check for updates” from the Help Menu.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Mozilla-releases-Firefox-stability-updates-1080351.html>

41. *September 16, Help Net Security* – (International) **80% of network attacks target web-based systems.** This year has seen the use of the Internet for conducting business hit an all-time high; however, attacks continue to strike networks more than ever by using sophisticated techniques. Employee use of Web-based business applications and social networking sites while on corporate networks continues to grow daily. While the employee premise for these programs is honorable — to help build brand awareness or improve productivity — use of these applications opens up the enterprise network to serious security threats. One of the key findings of a new report was that more than 80 percent of network attacks targeted Web-based systems. There are two key elements to this number: Web sites and Web clients. The report shows Web sites are constantly at risk of being taken offline or defaced from SQL injection, PHP File Include or other attacks, and that these types of attacks have doubled in the last 6 months. The report by HP TippingPoint DVLabs, SANS Institute and Qualys Research Labs, provides data and analysis — including real-world examples of attacks and recommended ways to mitigate risk — to fully inform companies about the latest security threats. It includes updated vulnerability trends, an in-depth analysis of a PDF-based exploit, discussion of client versus server side attacks, and information on growing tendencies, including botnets and malicious JavaScript.
- Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=9880>

42. *September 15, The Register* – (International) **Unofficial fix brings temporary relief for critical Adobe vuln.** Security researchers have released what they say is an unofficial fix for the critical Adobe Reader vulnerability that is being actively exploited to install malware on machines running Microsoft Windows. The download replaces a buggy strcat call in a font-rendering DLL module with a more secure function, according to this explanation from the researchers at penetration-testing firm RamzAfzar. Protecting yourself from the underlying stack overflow flaw is as easy as overwriting the existing CoolType.dll located in the Acrobat Reader folder with the revised one. “We’ve decided to modify this strcat call and convert it to strncat,” they wrote. “Why? Because strncat at least receives the buffer size and how much bytes you want to copy from src to dest.” The CSO of Rapid7 and chief architect of the Metasploit project said he has not had a chance to test whether the update truly patches the gaping hole left by Adobe developers. But he said the approach seemed to make sense. Adobe has said it will not release an update for Reader until October 4. That means users of the near-ubiquitous program have another 3 weeks until they are

protected against a sophisticated threat that criminals are already exploiting with aplomb. The delay wasn't lost on the people from RamzAfzar, who said their fix was easy even from their considerably less advantaged position.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/09/15/unofficial_adobe_reader_patch/

43. *September 15, DarkReading* – (International) **Number of malware-infected websites tops 1 million mark.** According to a new report published in a blog September 15 by researchers at security firm Dasient, the number of Web sites infected by malware in the second quarter of 2010 spiked to more than 1.3 million — the first time that figure has ever topped 1 million. “That’s a jump of almost two times the number that we saw in the previous quarter,” said Dasient’s co-founder. “The numbers are really surprising.” Malware authors are becoming more efficient and creative in methods of attacking Web sites, Dasient said. For one thing, they are creating new malware at an exceedingly rapid rate: Dasient detected more than 58,000 new infections in Q2 alone, raising its comprehensive malware library to more than 200,000 different infections. Attackers are also becoming more crafty in the way they distribute their payloads, Dasient’s co-founder observed. For example, many malware authors have begun deploying new infections late on Friday afternoons, when they know most IT departmental resources will be at an ebb over the weekend.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/smb-security/security/app-security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=227400494>
44. *September 15, The Register* – (International) **Die-hard bug bytes Linux kernel for second time.** The Linux kernel has been purged of a bug that gave root access to untrusted users — again. The vulnerability in a component of the operating system that translates values from 64 bits to 32 bits (and vice versa) was fixed once before — in 2007 with the release of version 2.6.22.7. But several months later, developers inadvertently rolled back the change, once again leaving the OS open to attacks that allow unprivileged users to gain full root access. The bug was originally discovered by the late hacker “cliph.” But the researcher who discovered the kernel regression bug said he grew suspicious when he began tinkering under the hood of the open-source OS and saw signs the flaw was still active. No doubt, Linux fans will be quick to point out the bug can be exploited only by those with a valid account on a targeted machine in the first place. This is true, but the existence of such vulnerabilities are a big deal in corporate, government and educational environments, where Linux has a large following. Add privilege escalation to the mix and things like protected mode, integrity levels, and chroot — often the very reason the OS was chosen in the first place — are largely wiped out. The oversight means untrusted users with, say, limited SSH access have a trivial means to gain unfettered access to any 64-bit installation.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/09/15/linux_kernel_regression_bug/

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Communications Sector

45. *September 16, Alexandria Daily Town Talk* – (Louisiana) **Accident causes telephone outage for some Pineville businesses.** Businesses along Main Street in Pineville, Louisiana, including Huey P. Long Medical Center, were without phone service part of September 14 and 15 after a digging accident. The Louisiana spokeswoman for AT&T said a contract worker who was digging across from the Jewish Cemetery on Main Street to install optical fibers for a communications upgrade “accidentally cut the existing cable” around 4 p.m. September 14, knocking out phone service in the area. AT&T was able to restore service by 9:30 September 15. The administrative assistant for Huey P. Long’s administrator said the hospital’s phone service was restored around 5 a.m. September 15. The hospital’s service was restored first, while the remaining businesses affected were restored over the next several hours.

Source:

<http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20100916/NEWS01/9160326/1002/Accident-causes-telephone-outage-for-some-Pineville-businesses>

46. *September 15, WNEP 16 Scranton* – (Pennsylvania) **Arrest made in joyride gone wrong.** After almost 2 years, investigators in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania arrested a 29-year-old South Williamsport man in connection with an October 2008 joyride that ended when a heavy piece of machinery knocked out a radio station’s transmitter. The suspect faces a slew of charges in connection with the joyride gone wrong on state forest land, and court papers indicated the suspect and another man stole a heavy piece of machinery and slammed it into WILQ FM’s transmitter near South Williamsport. The transmitter building was totaled, causing more than \$100,000 in damage.

Source: <http://www.wnep.com/wnep-lyc-radio-transmitter-joyride-damage-arrests,0,7915446.story>

47. *September 15, WJAC 6 Johnstown* – (Pennsylvania) **Verizon cell phone service restored to Northern Alleghenies.** Many Verizon Wireless customers in Jefferson, Clearfield, and Elk counties in Pennsylvania went without cell service September 15. Officials have not said how many people were affected by the outage. Service was restored by 5 p.m. that day. But many said the outage affected their businesses. Emergency officials said no problems were reported due to the outage. They added that people could still call 911, if they were in an area with more than one cell phone service provider.

Source: <http://www.wjactv.com/news/25027698/detail.html>

48. *September 15, KIFI 8 Idaho Falls* – (Idaho) **Cut line disrupts Cable One Internet service.** Employees at the Idaho Falls Cable One office in Idaho said Internet service was being disrupted to customers all over the area September 15. The employees said the Forestry Department cut one of Cable One's main fiber optic lines near Boise. Only customers who live from Blackfoot to St. Anthony and have the company's high-speed internet connection were being affected. Company officials hoped to have a temporary solution in place by 6 p.m. September 15, employees said.
Source: <http://www.localnews8.com/news/25025112/detail.html>
49. *September 15, Virgin Islands Daily News* – (Virgin Islands) **Innovative's competitors restored service within days of storm.** While Innovative Telephone officials said that their restoration efforts from Hurricane Earl ramped up the week of September 6 when electricity was fully restored, their competition — wireless providers of cable, phone and Internet service — claimed to be back as soon as the lights were on, and some providers said they never lost service at all. Innovative's phone and cable service will not be fully restored until the end of the week of September 13, according to the company's vice president of engineering operations. He said September 14 that he could not provide an estimate of how many telephone and cable customers remained without service, but he said that all Internet customers were back online. Innovative officials said that the hurricane restoration work has been slowed by power surges and gunshots.
Source: <http://it.tmcnet.com/news/2010/09/16/5010302.htm>
50. *September 15, WTOV 9 Steubenville* – (West Virginia) **Frontier catches up with trouble reports.** Frontier Communications said it has finally caught up with thousands of orders and trouble reports in West Virginia. The company took over landline phone service in West Virginia from Verizon in July, and many customers have reported several extended outages and service issues. Emergency officials in several counties in the Northern Panhandle also reported issues with 911 service and emergency radio communications after the handover. A Hancock County delegate contacted a woman the week of September 13 who claimed her service was spotty for weeks. Frontier officials think they may have turned the corner. In a September 9 news release, Frontier's general manager reported the company was ending its "extended service difficulty" status and allowing its workforce to return to regular work shifts. He said the company had finally been able to catch up with 3,000 service calls, orders and trouble reports.
Source: <http://www.wtov9.com/news/25029463/detail.html>
51. *September 14, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Federal grant will build high-speed Internet across Colorado.** Until now, Colorado has lagged woefully behind most of the country in providing students high-speed Internet — ranking 42nd among the 50 states for Internet connectivity. But the state won a \$100.6 million federal grant that will be combined with \$34.7 million in matching contributions to help build an affordable broadband network across the state, providing access for as many as 230 community institutions — including 178 school districts, 26 libraries, and 12 community colleges. The money will cover the cost of laying optical fiber and copper

cable and the addition of microwave switching stations that will bring fast Internet connections to rural outposts. “We have an elementary school that has less bandwidth than a well-connected house in Denver,” a board member for Ault-Highland RE-9 School District said. The federal grant is being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which included \$7.2 billion to expand broadband connectivity across the country.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_16068456

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Commercial Facilities Sector

52. *September 15, WTEN 10 Albany* – (New York) **Walmart evacuates store in Gloversville.** A Walmart in Gloversville, New York, was evacuated at around 2 p.m. September 15 due to a hazardous vapor cloud. Walmart employees were removing a recalled toilet cleaner from the shelves when one of the containers fell and ruptured. Employees tried to clean the spill with another type of cleaning product which caused the hazardous vapor cloud. Management called for an evacuation of the facility for precautionary purposes. Fulton County HAZMAT and the Berkshire Fire Department responded to the scene. Ten Walmart employees were treated and released by EMS at the scene for irritation to the eyes and throat. The Walmart was cleared for re-entry by authorities at 4:15 p.m.
Source: <http://www.wten.com/Global/story.asp?S=13161317>
53. *September 15, WFAA 8 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Threats prompt heightened security at North Arlington mosque.** Arlington, Texas police confirm they have stepped up patrols around the Dar El Salam Islamic Center after the mosque president and a spokesman for the Islamic community in Tarrant County, Texas, said at least three recent incidents raised concerns, including a note that was left at the mosque September 11. The representative for the Islamic association said both notes basically said something to similar to “die terrorists.” In another incident several weeks ago, the president of the mosque said a man walked into the building and asked if “this is where Muslims are taught to kill Americans?” Police did not confirm that report. All this follows vandalism at a south Arlington mosque where the playground was torched, and a graphic anti-Islam cartoon was chalked onto the parking lot. A 10-foot brick wall is being installed around the Dar El Salam mosque to provide additional security.
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Threats-prompt-heightened-security-at-North-Arlington-mosque-103014334.html>
54. *September 14, Deutsche Presse-Agentur* – (International) **Security at Germany’s Oktoberfest to be toughest ever.** Anti-terrorist security and anti-crime surveillance at Oktoberfest in Germany which begins September 18, will be tougher than ever before, German police in Munich said September 14. A no-fly zone will apply in a radius of 3.7 kilometers from the central Munich site, while 50 heavy concrete pods will be placed on the fringes of the unfenced site to block potential car bombers. Streets near the site will be completely closed to private traffic and taxis, the police said. The force

is to deploy 300 officers at the festival and keep a close eye on the crowds using 17 remote-controlled video cameras. There has not been any actual threat to disrupt the annual festival, but police “abstractly” perceived it as being vulnerable.

Source:

http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/europe/news/article_1584513.php/Security-at-Germany-s-Oktoberfest-to-be-toughest-ever

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

55. *September 16, Jackson Hole Daily* – (Wyoming) **Lightning storms start fires in park, forest.** Fire season sputtered back to life the week of September 13 as several lightning storms ignited fires in Yellowstone National Park and on the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming. The fire danger is currently moderate on both the Bridger-Teton and in Yellowstone. Moderate is the second lowest of five fire danger levels from low to extreme. On the Buffalo Ranger District of the Bridger-Teton, a lightning storm started the Willow Draw Fire north of the old Colter Dump Road. The fire is one-tenth acre in size. “It’s a lightning strike that hit the base of a [Douglas] fir,” a fire prevention technician for the north zone of the Bridger-Teton said. “It’s smoldering around the base of a tree.” Fire officials said they will continue to monitor the blaze but have decided not to suppress it at this time. Lightning also started the Monument Fire, a quarter-acre blaze just north of Monument Ridge Prescribed Burn. Fire officials are suppressing the blaze because it is close to development.

Source: http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/article.php?art_id=6464

56. *September 16, Visalia Times-Delta* – (California) **Tulare County sends firefighters to help battle Canyon fire.** Nearly 100 firefighters from Tulare County are fighting a 6,200-acre fire in the Sequoia National Forest southwest of Lake Isabella in California. The fire began September 12. On September 15, five firefighters from the Tulare County Fire Department and five from the Porterville Fire Department — along with a Visalia Fire Department battalion chief — became the latest group to head for Kern County as part of a California Office of Emergency strike team battling the fire in the Lower Kern River Canyon, the Tulare County Fire battalion chief said. Reinforcements likely will help protect homes and other structures in the foothill communities of Bodfish and Havilah September 15, a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman said. About 80 firefighters and 10 engines from CAL FIRE stations in Tulare County headed to Kern County to assist in fighting the “Canyon Fire” September 13 and 14. About 1,100 firefighters, law enforcement officers and other personnel are involved in the firefighting effort. One home was lost in Clear Creek September 14 after flames moved east faster than expected, officials said. Havilah was evacuated and flames headed toward Bodfish, where some homes also have been evacuated.

Source:

<http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/article/20100916/NEWS01/9160308/Tulare+County+send+firefighters+to+help+battle+Canyon+fire>

57. *September 15, KCSG 14 St. George* – (Utah) **Twitchell Canyon Fire exceeds 20,862 acres.** The Twitchell Canyon Fire in Richfield, Utah, made a significant push to the northeast September 14 as winds drove the fire into the Shingle and Fish Creek drainages. It has now grown to 20,862 acres. Because of the increased fire activity, the Fishlake National Forest has asked the Great Basin Incident Management team to continue to manage the fire at this time, rather than transfer the command back to the local unit this morning as previously planned. Currently two helicopters, three hand crews, two bulldozers, and eight fire engines are assigned to the incident. Additional resources have been ordered and will begin arriving September 15, including six more hand crews. The highest priority for fire managers is still the safety of the public and firefighters. Additionally, the protection of private property, including the Kimberly Mining District, is a key objective. Smoke conditions along I-70 prompted the Utah Highway Patrol to close the interstate from Joseph to the junction of I-15 September 14. The road was reopened after approximately 4 hours.

Source: http://www.kcsg.com/view/full_story/9531698/article-Twitchell-Canyon-Fire-Exceeds-20-862-acres?instance=home_stories1

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Dams Sector

58. *September 16, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **No red flags in inspections prior to SD dam breach.** The state of South Dakota said reports on the condition of Rose Hill Dam filed in 2007 and 2008 did not indicate the Hand County structure was at risk for failure. The earthen dam was breached during heavy rain in late July. Floodwaters swept away two men who had to cling to a tree until they could be rescued. One of the men had to be hospitalized. A State Game, Fish and Parks engineer said officials were satisfied with the condition of the dam during the earlier inspections. He said the breach was caused by an extraordinary natural event and not by structural weakness in the dam. The Daily Republic said an estimated 9 inches of rain fell during the storm. State officials estimate it could take \$1 million or more to rebuild the dam. Federal funding is possible.

Source: <http://www.ksfy.com/Global/story.asp?S=13165241>

59. *September 16, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Corps of Engineers levee armoring plans have Louisiana officials concerned.** Louisiana officials and the Army Corps of Engineers disagreed September 15 on whether there is enough money left to properly complete construction of the New Orleans-area levee system and interior drainage improvements. The coastal protection and restoration authority chairman told authority members that the Corps will be as much as \$1 billion short, while a senior Corps official said the agency has enough money on hand to do the work, if it is allowed to shift expected surplus funds from projects on the east bank of the Mississippi River to the west bank. The authority also heard from state office of coastal protection and restoration officials that contractor Shaw Group has built almost 6 miles of sand berms designed to trap oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill, and that the state will ask BP for another \$60 million in the next week to continue the project.

BP already has forwarded the state \$180 million of a promised \$360 million the company committed for berm construction. The disagreement over the cost of completing levee construction centers on a long-simmering argument over the last construction task scheduled for earthen levees throughout the system: Deciding what type of armoring will keep the levees from washing away if they are overtopped. Source: <http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2010/09/16-2>

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